

Wednesday, December 20, 1972

How Little Crow, Local Folks Helped Indians

Thousands of cans of food, hundreds of toys and boxes of clothing and household goods are making Indians in four northern Michigan areas happier this Christmas.

For Overland churches, scout groups, clubs and businesses, there were warm thanks expressed in tears of joy.

For Hank Chruscial, who organizes the work in the name of the Western Wayne County Conservation Assn., there was a special form of thanks. He has been given the honorary Indian name of "Te-Oya-Ta-Duta," which is the Sioux term for "Little Crow."

A crow, you see, sees a lot and tries to help out, according to Indian lore. Chruscial, 1945 Brentwood, Livonia, is dark-skinned and square-jawed, and is sometimes mistaken for an Indian. Actually, he is Polish by ancestry.

Little Crow will receive his name in formal rites conducted next July by Muskegon area Indians. He visited them the first weekend in December.

AFTER COLLECTING and (when necessary) repairing the gifts in his home and

garage, Little Crow and his faithful squaw sent a second delivery to the Sault Ste. Marie area. Overland contributed 1,105 new toys, 300 food items, 32 cases of candy, clothing and Christmas trees went on that Dec. 9 trip.

Last weekend was a big one. In a donated Avis 20-foot-van, Chruscial, volunteer dads and Indian Guides from the Livonia Family Y loaded, departed at midnight and drove through a nighttime blizzard to Holy Childhood Indian Mission School at Harbor Springs.

Some local roads there were impassable, so they left gifts for the Cross Village settlement, too. The gifts will be distributed through Holy Cross Parish. They drove back Saturday night.

On Sunday he journeyed to the settlement of Custer and a Christmas party for Indian children. Nearly 700 children received toys, candy and entertainment, and in the Muskegon area two families totaling 18 members received the makings of a Christmas feast.

The photos on these pages tell how the children enjoyed their 1,663 food items, 18

hams, 519 soap items, tooth brushes, toothpaste, shoelaces, tissues, 20 large cartons of new toys, 99 wrapped toys, 145 cartons of used clothing, 48 cartons of new clothing and eight cartons of new and used shoes, sneakers and boots.

HELPING LOAD the truck were Mike Quinn and Ken Murray of Livonia, Dave Hellmer and Bernie Brousseau of Westland.

Churches which donated food, clothing, toys and money were: Salem United Church of Christ, Farmington; Church of the Holy Spirit, Westland; Sacred Heart Byzantine Church, Livonia.

Companies included Sanders (candy, through the efforts of Bruno Gerlich of Westland); Montgomery Ward of Westland (Ray Herbert, manager); and a major retailer which asked to remain anonymous. The latter two donated toys.

Ford Motor Girls Club and the Redford Boys Club gave food, clothing and money. Groups from the Livonia Family Y included the Indian Guides (canned hams), Indian Maidens (food, clothing, soap powder) and Indian Yettes

(homemade red stockings filled with dental care goods, toys and small gifts).

For Fordson High School students in Dearborn, through the efforts of Sherie Colucci, added clothing, food, soap, dental goods and tissues. Some 366 of the same kinds of items were collected by Webster Elementary School pupils in Livonia.

MR. and MRS. Foster Smith of Livonia gave a case of soap. Mrs. Smith is Mrs. Chruscial's "sewing buddy" when it's time to mend clothes. From Southfield's MacArthur School came six station wagonloads of clothing, collected by Cub Pack 884, Girl Scout Troop 667 and Brownie Troop 473.

Scout groups collecting food, clothing, toothpaste and soap items included: Brownie Troop 473 of Southfield; Cub Pack 832 of Jefferson School, Livonia; Cub Pack 322 of Volney Smith School, Redford Township; Girl Scout Troop 203 of Plymouth; Cub Pack 758 of Livonia; and Girl Scout Senior and Cadette Troops 2130, 538, 217, 459 and 967 of the Detroit area.



HANK CHRUSCIAL and friends at the Holy Childhood Indian Mission School.

Catechist Class Set At Madonna

"The Word of God" --phase II of the Detroit Archdiocesan catechist training program -- will be offered at Madonna College in the January-April term. The course covers the central themes of the Old and New Testaments from the perspective of catechesis. Rev. John Quinn will conduct the course. Classes will meet Monday evenings from 7-10 p.m. The course may be taken for three credits or on a non-credit basis. Archdiocesan certificates will be awarded on completion of the course.

Registration is on Jan. 3-4-9-11 a.m., 1-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. For further information, contact the registrar.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
39020 Five Mile Rd.
Livonia 464-0211

Rev. Fred W. Balke
Christmas Eve Service 7 p.m.
Christmas Eve Communion Service 11 p.m.

First United Methodist Church of Plymouth
45201 N. Teritorial
453-5280

Christmas Eve Services
7:30 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 24
9:30 and 11 a.m.

Orchard United Methodist Church
30450 Farmington Rd.
(between 13 and 14 Mile Roads) 626-6820

Christmas Worship Services
DEC. 24 FIVE SERVICES
9:30 and 11:00 A.M. Morning Services
Christmas Eve Candlelighting Services
5, 9, and 11 P.M.
DECEMBER 31
Student Recognition Service
9:30 and 11 a.m.

Geneva United Presbyterian Church
WORSHIP 10 A.M.
PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL
4001 ANN ARBOR RD.
17 mi. West of Dearborn 453-1664

Rev. Jeffrey S. Goldsmith
Pastor
FOR INFORMATION

First United Methodist Church
6443 Merriman Rd.
Garden City

Christmas Eve
7:30 p.m. Candlelight Service for the whole family
10:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship
Rev. Glenn E. L. Kjellberg
9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Calvary Baptist Church
invites you to Special Advent Services

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
11 A.M. Dramatic Christmas Meditation by the Pastor
5:30 P.M. Christmas Vesper Service
(featuring beautiful chalk-blacklight picture)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31
11 A.M. Morning Worship Service
9 P.M. - 12 P.M. Thrilling Watch Night Service

Premiere showing of the film
"SOUND of the TRUMPET"

ALWAYS - MUSIC - MUSIC - MUSIC - MUSIC - ALWAYS
43065 JOY ROAD, PLYMOUTH, PHONE 453-6749
Pastor: Rev. G. Douglas Routledge
Minister of Youth: Mr. Ken Evans
Minister of Music: Mr. Tom Hovermale

Nardin Park United Methodist
29887 West 11 Mile Rd. Farmington 476-8860

DR. WILLIAM D. MERCER
Senior Minister

THE REV. MEREDITH T. MOSHAUER
Associate

THE REV. JAMES F. THOMAS
Minister of Education

GEORGE T. and INA SLATER STILL
Ministers of Music

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
Two services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Special Music
DR. MERCER PREACHING:
"The Night Before Christmas"
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service - 7 p.m.
for all the family
Nursery for children through 5

MERRY Christmas

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
16360 Hubbard Rd.
Livonia, Michigan 48154
421-8451

December 24th - Advent IV
9 A.M. - Holy Eucharist
10 A.M. - Service of Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve
7:30 P.M. - Festive Family Eucharist
11:30 P.M. - Festive Choral Eucharist

December 25th - Christmas Day
10:00 A.M. - Family Eucharist

December 31st - Christmas I
8:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist
10:00 A.M. - Family Eucharist

January 1st, 1973 - Feast of the Circumcision
10:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
14350 Worman at Cicada
(1 block west of Telegraph)
Redford Township

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
8:00 P.M.

Come Celebrate With Us!
JERRY STROUD, PASTOR

Farmington First United Methodist Church
33112 Grand River Ave. 474-6573

Ministers:
JOHN N. HOWELL
Howard F. Snell

Christmas Eve
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
MORNING WORSHIP - 10 A.M.
"Visitation of the Good News"

Candlelight Service
7:30 p.m.
Nursery Care Available

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
28000 NewMarket Rd.
Farmington 474-0210
Rev. Victor H. Mesenbring

Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Day
Festival Service with Communion 10 a.m.
Special Music by the Junior and Senior Choirs

Newburgh United Methodist Church
36500 Ann Arbor Trail
LIVONIA 422-0149

William A. Ritter, Minister Ben Bohnsack, Minister

CHRISTMAS EVE SUNDAY
Morning - Duplicate Services of Worship & Church School
9:15 A.M. 11:00 A.M.
Special Music at Both Services by Chancel Choir & Harp
"THE GOD WHO CAME IN FROM THE COLD"
Evening - Duplicate Candlelight Services
7:00 P.M. 11:00 P.M.
Meditation "Bless the Beast and Children"

Mt. Hope Congregational Church
30330 Schoolcraft 425-7280

NORMAN GRANGE
Interim Minister

Christmas Eve
Dec. 24
7:30 pm
Candlelight Service

May the light of Joy and good will shine brightly into the hearts of all mankind, as on that Holy Night when the Prince of Peace was born.

Grace Lutheran Church
25630 Grand River
V. F. Halboth Sr.
V. F. Halboth Jr.
Rodney A. Hilpert
Pastors

cordially invite you to attend Christmas services: Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)
Regular Sunday morning services and Sunday School 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.
Christmas Eve Service - 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Service - 11:00 a.m.

COME - JOIN US FOR A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

"For, Unto Us a King Is Born This Day..."
CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICES:
7:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M.

Handbell Choir and Organ Recital at 6:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Regular Sunday Morning Services at 9 & 11 a.m.

ROSEDALE GARDENS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HUBBARD AT WEST CHICAGO BLVD. - LIVONIA
Rev. Richard Dunkelberger
Rev. Arthur Beumler